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SENATE BILL

No. 1354

Introduced by Senator Torlakson

February 20, 2008

An act relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1354, as amended, Torlakson. School facilities: construction.

The Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 requires the State Allocation Board to allocate to applicant school districts, prescribed per-unhoused-pupil state funding for construction and modernization of school facilities, including hardship funding, and supplemental funding for site development and acquisition. The act requires the board annually to adjust the per-unhoused-pupil apportionment for new construction to reflect construction cost changes and for modernization to reflect inflation, as set forth in the statewide cost index for class B construction as determined by the board. A school district is required, as a condition of the receipt of funds, to certify that the grant amount and local funds are sufficient to complete the school construction project for which the grant is intended.

This bill would require the ~~State Department of Education~~ *Superintendent of Public Instruction*, within ~~its~~ *the* existing resources available to the *State Department of Education*, to *examine and evaluate current standards for the construction of school facilities and examine schools constructed or modernized the ability of school districts, as defined, to build complete schools as approved by the department with*

the funds provided by the State Allocation Board and an equal amount contributed by the school district under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 for the purpose of ~~recommending revisions to current construction~~ examining the standards that may be necessary to ensure that the standards achieve educational adequacy and result in facilities that assist schools to meet state board adopted academic content standards in terms of the facilities necessary for the school district to provide its educational program, assessing the level to which schools constructed with state funding assistance ~~meet current~~ met standards for educational adequacy in terms of the facilities necessary for the school district to provide its educational program, and ~~comparing school facilities to examine characteristics~~ examining factors that enable them to build facilities to meet educational adequacy.

The ~~department~~ Superintendent would be required to report its the findings to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2009.

*Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.*

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall*
- 2 *examine and evaluate the ability of school districts, as defined in*
- 3 *Section 17070.15 of the Education Code, to build complete schools*
- 4 *as approved by the State Department of Education pursuant to*
- 5 *Section 17070.50 of the Education Code with the funds provided*
- 6 *by the State Allocation Board and an equal amount contributed*
- 7 *by the school district under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities*
- 8 *Act of 1998 (Chapter 12.5 (commencing with Section 17070.10)*
- 9 *of Part 10 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code). The*
- 10 *purpose of the evaluation and examination shall be all of the*
- 11 *following:*
- 12 *(1) Examine the standards to ensure that the standards achieve*
- 13 *educational adequacy in terms of the facilities necessary for the*
- 14 *school district to provide its educational program.*
- 15 *(2) Assess the level to which schools constructed with state*
- 16 *funding assistance met standards for educational adequacy in*
- 17 *terms of the facilities necessary for the school district to provide*
- 18 *its education program.*
- 19 *(3) Examine factors within school districts that enable them to*
- 20 *build facilities to meet educational adequacy.*

1 ***(b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall report the***
2 ***findings to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2009.***

3 ***(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall evaluate the***
4 ***standards and examine schools as required pursuant to this section***
5 ***with the existing resources available to the State Department of***
6 ***Education.***

7 ~~SECTION 1. (a) The State Department of Education shall~~
8 ~~evaluate current standards for the construction of school facilities~~
9 ~~and examine schools constructed or modernized under the Leroy~~
10 ~~F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (Chapter 12.5~~
11 ~~(commencing with Section 17070.10) of Part 10 of Division 1 of~~
12 ~~Title 1 of the Education Code). The purpose of the evaluation and~~
13 ~~examination shall be all of the following:~~

14 ~~(1) Recommend revisions to current construction standards that~~
15 ~~may be necessary to ensure that the standards achieve educational~~
16 ~~adequacy and result in facilities that assist schools to meet state~~
17 ~~board adopted academic content standards.~~

18 ~~(2) Assess the level to which schools constructed with state~~
19 ~~funding assistance meet current standards for educational adequacy.~~

20 ~~(3) Compare school facilities to examine characteristics that~~
21 ~~enable facilities to meet educational adequacy.~~

22 ~~(b) The State Department of Education shall report its findings~~
23 ~~to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2009.~~

24 ~~(c) The State Department of Education shall evaluate the~~
25 ~~standards and examine schools as required pursuant to this section~~
26 ~~within its existing resources.~~